



## Long-Term Care Facility Task Force Monthly Updates

### **COVID-19 Burden in Virginia LTCF**

There were 81 LTCF COVID-19 outbreaks reported in the past 30 days (as of 05/18). This is an increase compared to the 37 outbreaks reported in the previous month (3/18 - 04/18). The number of reported nursing home resident and staff cases and hospitalizations have also been increasing. However, the number of reported deaths have not been on the rise.

For the reporting week ending May 8, 2022, data reported by 284 nursing homes showed 89% of residents and 95% staff were fully vaccinated.

- Of the nursing home residents eligible to receive an additional dose or booster, 81% of residents have received an additional dose or booster of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Of the nursing home healthcare personnel eligible to receive an additional dose or booster, 48% of staff have received an additional dose or booster of COVID-19 vaccine.

## **COVID-19 Ab Rapid Test Recall:**

[April 5, 2022, Certain Celltrion DiaTrust COVID-19 Ab Rapid Tests by Celltrion USA: Class I Recall – Due to Distribution to Unauthorized Users](#) - Celltrion USA is recalling certain Point of Care (POC) DiaTrust COVID-19 Ag Rapid Tests because it may have been distributed to unauthorized, non-CLIA-certified users. Use of the test by those without CLIA-certification may increase the risk of false results due to the person performing the test possibly not having the qualifications or training to properly and safely administer it. For more information about this recall, refer to the [announcement](#).

## **COVID-19 Booster CDC Updates (4/21/2022)**

### **Clinical Considerations for a Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose:**

Who might consider getting a 2nd booster dose now (among those who are currently eligible):

- People with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 disease. People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- People who live with someone who is immunocompromised, at increased risk for severe disease, or who cannot be vaccinated due to age or contraindication
- People at increased risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, such as through occupational, institutional, or other activities (e.g., travel or large gatherings)
- People who live or work in or near an area where the COVID-19 community level is medium or high or are traveling to such an area

Who might consider waiting to receive a 2nd booster dose (among those who are currently eligible):

- People who have had a SARS-CoV-2 infection within the last 3 months
- People who may be hesitant about getting another recommended booster dose in the future, as a booster dose may be more important in the fall and/or if a variant-specific vaccine is needed

## **VDH Long-Term Care Coordinator Position**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Division of Clinical Epidemiology, Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) Program is seeking a Long-Term Care (LTC) Coordinator. The LTC Coordinator will provide project management support to the VDH HAI/AR staff and external stakeholders for COVID-19 funds granted to

external agencies and organizations. The individual will also continue to develop the agency support of and collaboration with long-term care facilities.

*(For more information or if you wish to apply, please see the attached job posting.)*

## **North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology**

NC SPICE is pleased to announce an update of **Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes** in on-line or DVD formats.

Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes is a free series of six modules that will educate all staff about infection prevention in nursing homes. **Gowns and Gloves** features a “soap opera” storyline that engages and entertains while highlighting important points about breaking the chain of infection, multidrug-resistant organisms, and preventing urinary tract infections and *Clostridium difficile*. These episodes can be viewed along with two spin-offs, **The Technique** and **Triple P Power**, highlighting injection safety and environmental disinfection. Go to <https://spice.unc.edu/ipnh> to get started on-line, view module previews or order a DVD.

*(For those who previously ordered the DVD set, they will be mailed out soon!)*

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